

The Contest Closes Jan. 26th., Winners?

FREIGHT RATES ARE DISCUSSED

J. C. Ross Speaks on Freight Rates to Chamber of Commerce.

Under auspices of the chamber of commerce Tuesday noon, J. C. Ross of Lansing gave an address explaining the Michigan freight rate case. Mr. Ross is traffic manager of the Lansing chamber of commerce and a member of the committee in charge of the Michigan rate case.

Mr. Ross outlined the history of the case from the time when rates were first increased in 1917. Michigan was not adequately represented when increases were made, prior to the organizing of the Michigan Traffic League and consequently the manufacturers of this state were discriminated against. The state was divided into zones with higher freights in the northern part. Higher rates are effective in Michigan than in any other state east of the Mississippi. With such rates in effect Michigan manufacturers cannot compete with those in Ohio, Indiana or Wisconsin. Goods can be shipped from Chicago, Minneapolis or Duluth to the upper peninsula much cheaper than from Michigan cities. Manufacturing interests in neighboring states are joining with the railroads in the fight to keep Michigan freight rates high.

Excessive freight rates are felt by everyone in the state. Prices of imported articles are increased by the high rates even to a pair of shoes, wages also tend to be lower because of the smaller margin of profit possible.

The Michigan Manufacturing association is supporting the Traffic League in the fight for lower rates. The campaign will come before the interstate commerce commission and the Michigan traffic board in joint session, sometime in March.

Mr. Ross appealed to the Owosso chamber of commerce to cooperate with the Michigan Traffic League in the matter. A committee will be appointed to act, of which Fred Woodward will be chairman.

H. K. White, president of the Owosso chamber of commerce, appointed other committees as follows: Advertising and publicity committee, E. M. Thome, R. L. Chase, A. E. Osmer, W. R. Goodrich and Thomas Hagan; industrial committee, William Caldwell, J. E. Ellis, Fred Welch, W. E. Hall, C. E. Wrigley, Sr., M. W. Robinson, E. W. Brown, J. C. Maloney, Bert Hathaway, C. D. Bell and W. E. Zimmerman; J. J. Willman and W. A. Rosecrans were added to the already appointed civic committee.

COMPANY G PICKS BASKETBALL TEAM

Company "G" basketball team held its first practice Monday night. Pat Reule, high point scorer of the City League this winter, will captain the team.

The following men were picked for first string: Reule, Roddler, Cameron, McNally, Thompson, Sawyer and Purves. Three of the following men will be added later: Collamer, Rust, Gluchrist, Whitehouse, Hamilton and Rundell.

Shiawassee W. C. T. U. Head Will Speak at Morrice

Mrs. W. T. Coons, the county president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will speak at the morning service at the Methodist church, Sunday, Jan. 22. This is Field day of the union and the president speaks in interest of the work. The pastor of the church, Rev. Johnson, will deliver a sermon in the evening.

The banns of Miss Philomena Ruppert and Ray R. Welch were published the second time last Sunday.

Regular mass will be said at the St. Mary's Catholic church, Sunday at 8 o'clock. Rev. Father Soest is pastor.

Mrs. A. Signs received announcement of the marriage of her father, James Sturdivant, to Mrs. Ida Ryan of Ovid. The marriage took place at Flint. They will live at Ovid. Mr. Sturdivant has lived in Morrice for the past year.

James Maloney of the American Malleables and Ed. Fredericks of the Field Manufacturing company went to Flint Friday.

Dr. Porter is spending the day in Ann Arbor.

Owosso Firm Is Successful Bidder

Fred Aberle & Co., Owosso made the highest bid for the \$800 for pelts offered for sale by the state department of conservation. The bid was \$2,101.75.

The pelts were from animals taken by trappers of the department.

Sacred Concert Given in Owosso Baptist Church

A delightfully pleasing sacred concert consisting of the following numbers was given in the First Baptist church Sunday evening:

Rev. R. A. Waite delivered a masterful sermon on the "Impending Judgment," which created an intense impression upon his audience.

The concert opened with an organ prelude entitled "Festal Prelude in F" by Lemaigre. The remainder of the program was as follows: Baritone solo, "Face to Face," Leon Weatherby; Choir Anthem "Te Deum in D," quartet, "Come Holy Spirit," Messrs. John Schellner, Murry Acker, Samuel Chavey, William McTaggart; soprano solo, "Arise for the Light Has Come," Miss Anna Meier.

AMERICAN LEGION ANNOUNCES GAMES

The games that are to be played by the American Legion this season are as follows:

Jan. 19—Howell, here.
Jan. 26—Fowlerville, here.
Feb. 2—Owen, here.
Feb. 9—Mount Marion, here.
Feb. 16—Flint American Legion, there.
Feb. 24—M. A. C. Short Course, there.
Mar. 2—Co. G., M. N. G. here.

The following men are contesting for positions on the team: Centers—Capt. Anderson and Hughes; guards—Storror, Ross, Jones and DeYoung; forwards—Azelton, Thompson and Stebbins. The team will hold a practice Tuesday night at 7 o'clock.

Owosso Store Damaged By Flames; Loss \$200

Fire of an unknown origin was discovered Monday noon in the stock room of North & Benson's plumbing shop. Two hundred dollars damage was done to the building. The loss of materials could not be estimated.

The fire department answered a still alarm at the home of John Bower, 423 E. Mason st., Monday afternoon. Small damage was done.

The board of supervisors were guests of the Hospital board of trustees at a luncheon Monday noon. Matters pertaining to indigent patients were discussed and rates were agreed upon.

Saturday night, W. O. Pierce, living in the southern part of the city, informed the police he had picked up a girl six miles south of the city walking towards Owosso. The girl said she had been taken for a ride then forced to get out and walk home. Pierce took the girl home.

Monday Charles E. Rigley, Sr. and daughter, Mrs. Lois Crawford, left for St. Petersburg for the winter. Carl, Mrs. Crawford's son, is expecting to join them in two weeks.

Mr. Sadie Holmes of John st. has returned to her home after spending the past four weeks with her son, W. J. Curtis, of Lansing.

Louise Donski, who was held at the county jail at Corunna for obtaining money under false pretenses, was released on bail.

OWOSSO ELKS HAVE CELEBRATION

Owosso Lodge No. 753, B. P. O. E. held their annual celebration at the Armory Wednesday evening. A very enjoyable time was had by every one. Van R. Pond acted as toastmaster in a very pleasing and delightful manner.

The following program was given: Music by the orchestra; invocation by Rev. William Heilmann; community singing led by Brother Leslie Parker; address, "In 1901," by Past Exalted Ruler Carl Pickert; "Neighbors," by Past Exalted Ruler James S. Parker of Flint lodge; "New Ideals," by Past Exalted Ruler Joseph H. Collins; "In 1922," by Past Exalted Ruler Charles Ellis.

LOCALS

The famous players of the Owosso high school basketball team defeated the Ovid high school players at the armory Thursday afternoon by a score of 28 to 8. The first half ended 11 to 4 in favor of Owosso.

The Owosso American Legion team played the R. A. F. at the armory Thursday evening. R. A. F. team took the place of Run-dells in the Owosso league.

Harold Reule has accepted a position with Connor's Ice Cream company of Owosso. He took up his new work Thursday.

PROGRAM PLANNED BY OWOSSO C. OF C.

President H. K. White Names Members of 1922 Committee.

Officers announced that an extensive program will be carried out by the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year under the new officers.

H. K. White, president, has under advisement plans to make the chamber more beneficial than ever before. The business interests of Owosso have given their endorsement to an extensive program for the betterment of the city.

The weekly luncheon which the chamber has held at the D. M. Christian Tea house will in the future be at the armory. The ladies of the American Legion auxiliary will serve the luncheon.

Members of the civic committee are as follows: W. B. Whitehead, chairman, W. S. Gallagher, S. D. Woodward, L. L. Conn, A. T. Wright, C. P. Bentley, J. H. Robinson, D. M. Christian, S. J. Storror and J. C. Shattuck.

Mr. White announced that two new members had joined the chamber: E. J. Willman, superintendent of schools, and Enos Norris of the Plowboy-Dowry company. The following men were appointed on the entertainment committee: F. W. Smith, chairman, H. G. Parker, John Detwiler, M. F. Blair, M. J. DeYoung and Harold Lyons.

Owosso Sunday School Class Has Skating Party

Mr. Lord's class of the Baraca class of the Baptist church Sunday school held a skating party Thursday night. The boys met at the home of Richard Willis, N. Washington st., and walked to Gould's lake.

OWOSSO TOSSERS WIN FROM LANSING

Boys' Score is 30 to 13; Lansing Girls Winners By Three Points.

The members of the Lansing boys' basketball team were defeated by the local high school team at the armory Friday night by a score of 30 to 13. Owosso led during the entire game. At the end of the first half the score was 16 to 1.

Hildebrand was the star for Owosso, making 10 of Owosso's points.

The only point made by Lansing in the first half was by a free throw, while Owosso made 16.

Lineup:
Owosso.....Lansing
Rice.....F.....Hendershot
Hildebrand.....F.....Lyman
J. Lewis.....C.....Foster
Hain.....G.....Hubert
B. Lewis.....G.....Gohr
The Owosso girls lost to the Lansing girls by a score of 30 to 27.
Lineup:
Owosso.....Lansing
D. Waite.....F.....Brewer
Donigan.....F.....Hendrich
H. Bonser.....J.C.....Shoemith
G. Welsh.....S.C.....Shoemith
I. Marshall.....G.....Brook
E. Caruso.....G.....Bair

R. A. C. Team Wins From Legion Team in Owosso

Patterson Dawson post of American Legion basketball five lost to the fast R. A. C. team at the Armory Thursday night by a score of 20 to 7. At the end of the first half R. A. C. had the lead 11-2.

Lineup:
Legion.....R. A. F.
Thompson.....F.....McKay
Stebbins.....C.....Shepard
Anderson.....G.....McKay
Jones.....G.....Sauer
Ross.....G.....Schroeder

The O. H. S. second team defeated the fast Methodist by score of 13 to 12.

A surprise took place Thursday evening at the home of Wade W. Hamilton of Owosso. Refreshments were served and games were played.

Mrs. Lloyd Purves after spending the past week in Detroit with friends and relatives returned home Saturday.

Owosso and Lansing will play basketball at the armory Friday evening, Jan. 13.

The fire department was called to the home of J. C. Osborn on Williams st. Wednesday night. The cause was a burning chimney. No damage was done.

The monthly meeting of the Child Conservation League will be held at the home of Mrs. J. D. Lyons Friday afternoon, Jan. 20.

Tuesday at 12:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Sidney Waters, 416 W. Williams st. The summer division of the Congregational church for a luncheon and business meeting.

We Understand

That the demand for a reduction of transportation rates is having such an effect that the railroads are beginning to realize that something will have to be done very soon.

Conferences are being held in Washington to meet the situation, and as usual the only way the railroads can bring this about is "another reduction of wages."

Suppose the railroad employees were in a position to make similar demands and insist upon a reduction of salaries of the high officials of the railroad companies, and that they be brought down in the same proportion as that now being received by the operating employees—would it not be that some "how" would be put up and some other means brought about to allow a reduction of freight rates other than that of reduction in wages?

It is claimed that the earnings of the railroads now, especially those of the western states are greater now than they have been for years. It is also claimed that some of the railroads of this state are hauling all the traffic that their present motive power can handle.

The question now is, can the men stand another reduction?—They suffered one recently and considering the present cost of living they are not now receiving wages they enjoyed in former years. Besides there are a few of them who are getting in full time—there being a spirit of comradeship among the men that their brothers must exist and to allow that lay off, in order that their fellow brothers may work in their place and thus keep the wolf from the door.

If wages are reduced it will be necessary first to bring down other costs in proportion, which are to a great extent held up by the prohibitive cost of transportation.

SHIAWASSEE CLUB TO HAVE MAGAZINE

First Issue of Shiawassee's Auto Club Magazine Will Appear Feb. 1st.

The directors of the Shiawassee Automobile club will publish a monthly magazine starting Feb. 1, 1922. It is composed of items and editorials of interest to every automobile owner and has many interesting features characteristic of Shiawassee county's automotive problems. It will contain 20 pages of reading matter and have four-color cover designed by Marlowe Stevens of this city.

It was announced by Lee L. Omer, manager of the automobile club that he intended to make the magazine a work of art as well as a critical observer of problems which now confront the automobile owners of Shiawassee county. Six thousand copies will be distributed throughout the county and it is the wish of the directors of the club that every one interested would get in immediate touch with the manager. Some of the editorial contributors to the magazine are Rev. H. A. Waite, Capt. Joseph A. MacDonald, L. N. James, W. R. Goodrich and G. T. Campbell.

At this writing, when heart and soul I am in this fight to the last ditch, I would willingly—and I speak with no desire to be dramatic—give a year of my life if Governor Groesbeck could have seen what I have seen during the past two years of my investigations in Michigan.

See Timber Fires.

If he could drive with me over the 100 square miles of timberland which were burned during the two years of 1919 and 1920, he would feel the same chill of horror in his heart which I feel and which I know that a housecleaning is necessary.

If he could see fire after fire without a warden on the job, and stream and see for himself the outwary and slaughter, with so seldom a warden on the job, he would know something was wrong somewhere. If in every settlement and town he could feel his ears burning with the complaints and hopelessness of their best citizens, he would act.

If he could see the countless game and fish and forest fire violations under the very noses of those who are paid to protect these things, he would not sleep nights until he had remedied the situation.

If he traveled day after day in the very heart of the deer-hunting regions without meeting a warden, and returned to civilization to find them always waiting at the railway stations, he would mete out honest judgment upon them.

Conservation does not narrow itself down to those men, hundreds of thousands though they be, who go hunting and fishing. The future of our state, the future of the world, our very lives depend upon intelligent conservation, and an efficiency not based solely on political influence. The direction of that work of conservation should be one of the mightiest efforts of the state, and no man is too big for it. That man who does not get into the efficiency and the future of the state.

CURWOOD ASKS QUICK ACTION

WANTS GOVERNOR TO AID CONSERVATION.

By James Oliver Curwood.

OWOSSO, Jan. 18.—Now that John Baird has suggested that he may bring himself into court, along with his policies of conservation and propagation of wild life and forests in Michigan, through a libel suit which he has publicly announced may be brought against me in Shiawassee county, I feel it my duty to give to the press and the people of the state, and to the governor, certain convictions which are in my mind.

Personally, I have no shadow of doubt but that an astonishing condition of affairs will be revealed in this court action, if it occurs. The efficiency and amazing happenings of our present system will be laid naked to the very bottom. So monumental are the truths that they cannot be smothered. After this court action every man and woman in Michigan who can read will know why we have lost our forests, why our freight costs on imported timber alone were \$10,000,000 last year, why our lakes and streams are becoming barren, why our wild life is nearing annihilation, and why many of the guardians of our natural resources—our fire and game wardens—are so pathetically inefficient, though numerous enough. Nothing could be better for the state than this airing of a deplorable condition in a public court.

Appeal to Governor.

In bringing this airing about—in prosecuting the crusade which I am making with absolutely no personal or political ambition of my own—I have more than once publicly appealed for action on the part of Governor Groesbeck, knowing that at all times he is in a position to cast a powerful influence in the balance. I realize the fact that a governor's task, even under the best of conditions, is a big one, and that no man can know everything. I have also taken into consideration the fact that Governor Groesbeck is primarily a city man, and has always, as I believe, been interested in big movements which have had very little to do with the great outdoors and its enormous natural resources. Therefore, up to this time, I have realized that he must have time in which to think and act in a matter of such great importance as that which is now at issue.

But it is my personal opinion that the time to act has come. From the farthest settlement in the upper peninsula to the southernmost counties the men and women of the state are aroused. Tens of thousands of them have long known of the conditions against which I have been fighting. Public sentiment is overwhelming. They have risen to the surface in hundreds. Proofs are easy to reach out and seize.

Therefore, I believe that the governor of Michigan, the one man above all others in whom we should have faith, should himself take action and show his interest and sympathy in a great cause before a court enquiry says that such action is necessary.

Forests with a possible value of billions, and innumerable lakes and rivers, cannot be run politically, though a government can. Only efficiency, spelled in capital letters, will preserve these assets, which belong to all of us.

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Less Than One Week Remaining to Win Automobile or Other Big Prizes in Contest

Campaign will close 10 P. M. Thursday next. All votes must be in office promptly at that time. Impossible to forecast who winners will be. Race for Auto and Piano very close. All candidates should secure every subscription possible, and friends lend every assistance. Which Prize Will You Win?

The last lap in the big race for the Dodge Automobile, Janssen Piano, Seller's Kitchen Cabinet, Diamond Ring, Watches, and Cedar Chest is now on. It is nip and tuck race for the Grand Prizes. In fact it would be utterly impossible to say who the winners of the Auto and Piano will be.

Some very good work is being done by all those who are desirous of being possessor of the Auto, Piano or other prizes will have to speed up. It is a question now with every candidate listed as to whether they are going to be a prize winner or a commission worker.

The public is watching the progress of each and every candidate. They are expecting their favorite to win and unless some of the candidates show more ambition than they have, there will have to be quite a little explaining done as to why they did not show more pep.

Today's schedule shows Miss Margaret O'Connor in the lead. Miss O'Connor jumps from eighth place. She has been away for the holidays and the fact that she has returned and on the job is evidenced from the increase in her standing.

What can be accomplished by persistent work is demonstrated by the stride Mrs. Otto Blume has made. This lady worked several hours each day and never fails to get the business. Those who are thinking that it will be a "cinch" to capture the Auto or Piano had better consider Mrs. Blume in their figuring.

Third position is held by Mr. Walter Bennett. He is an official in one of the R. R. unions and is receiving good support from the union members.

Miss Sadie Cooper holds fourth place. Miss Cooper was a little late in entering contest, however, she is one to be reckoned with as she and her friends feel she could use that automobile to a good advantage.

Very good work is being accomplished by Miss Antonette Marsick, she has the support of some enthusiastic friends who are looking for

VOTE STANDING JAN. 19

	Votes
Miss Margaret O'Connor	616,500
Mrs. Otto A. Blume	613,000
Mr. Walter Bennett	594,000
Sadie J. Cooper. R F D No. 3	573,000
Miss Antonette A. Marsick	548,200
Mrs. Isaladell VanZandt, Corunna	515,000
Mrs. Elvira A. Cooper	508,300
Miss Margaret Camp. Henderson	428,000
Miss Mary Dickerman	262,100
Mr. Jno. W. Shane	186,300
Miss Nellie Taber, Carland	142,200
Mr. Frank Norris	100,300

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH ELECTS

The election and the annual meeting of the members of the Christ Episcopal church was held recently. Financial report made and officers elected as follows: Vestrymen: Byron P. Hicks, George M. Davey, G. E. Wright, E. P. Sherman, D. E. Crane, B. L. Axford, W. D. Whitehead, A. D. Whipple, E. B. Hoffman and Walter E. Upham.

The financial report for the year showed a balance in the church treasury of \$757; the Sunday school treasury has \$37, and St. Agnes Guild, \$313. Report was read showing over \$3,000 had been subscribed to the new organ fund.

Shiawassee Farmer Fails to Care for Stock; Fined

On complaint of neglect William Dunn of Woodhull township was arrested by Under Sheriff Pardee recently for direct violation of humane act.

Mr. Dunn let his sheep and horses run in the fields with little or no shelter or feed. His poultry was likewise neglected. He was fined \$5 and costs by Justice Nickles Saturday morning and released.